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EXCHANGES DETAILED

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1. SUMMARY. THIS ELABORATES ON ONE SECTION OF 1977 CERP 0002 REPORT (SEE REF). IN AUGUST 9 INTERVIEW WITH MADAGASCAR PRESS, MADAGASCAR MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, IGNACE RAKOTO, DISCUSSED HIS STOP IN MOSCOW (MADE WHILE EN ROUTE TO CUBAN YOUTH FESTIVAL) AND SOVIET-MALAGASY EDUCATION EXCHANGES. END SUMMARY.

2. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION CONCERNING SOVIET EDUCATIONAL AID, RAKOT SAID THAT MADAGASCAR'S REGIONAL UNIVERSITY CENTERS ARE BEING BUILT AND THAT MADAGASCAR NEEDS PERMANENT TEACHERS FOR THEM, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELDS OF ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, ECONOMICS, AND MANAGEMENT. WHILE NOT SPECIFYING NUMBER OF SOVIET TEACHERS WHO WILL COME TO THESE CENTERS, HE SAID THERE WILL BE ENOUGH FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

3. RAKOTO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM FOR SOVIET TEACHERS IN MADAGASCAR IS FRENCH LANGUAGE. HE REPORTED THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES ACCEPTED HIS
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SUGGESTION THAT TEACHERS, AFTER 6 MONTHS APPRENTICESHIP IN USSR, SPEND 3 MONTHS IN FRANCE AND THEN ARRIVE IN MADAGASCAR 2 MONTHS BEFORE START OF SCHOOL FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH ENVIRONMENT AND FRENCH.

4. RAKOTO ALSO REPORTED THAT IN MOSCOW, SOVIET MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION ASSURED HIM THAT USSR IS TOTALLY

WILLING TO RECEIVE FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES MALAGASY
LICENTIATES WHO WANT TO LATER DO RESEARCH OR HIGHER
TEACHING.

5. RAKMYO SAID THERE WILL BE 150 NEW MALAGASY STUDENTS
ON SCHOLARSHIP IN USSR FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, BUT DID
NOT SAY WHETHER THEY WOULD TOTALLY SUPPLEMENT 450 MALAGASY
STUDENTS NOW THERE ON SCHOLARSHIP. BARRETT

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